

## Oaks Christian Church General Board Meeting

April 14, 2013

Sara Simons, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.. Pastor Don Joseph gave the opening prayer.

Voting Members present: Sara Simons, Don Whitley, Dorene Drake, Pat Whitley, Ruth Conover, Pat Scruggs, Bob Simons, Larry Scruggs, Jimmye Saldivar, Katie Spencer. Non-voting Participants: Don Joseph.

**Minutes:** Minutes for the March 10, 2013 board meeting were read and filed for audit.

**Treasurer's Report:** The attached report for February was approved by consensus. Dorene suggested that we pay this year's mission's delinquency out of capital, but that we hold off on paying all of last year's delinquency at this time, but rather pay some part of last year's delinquency each month in addition to this year's contribution with a goal of being current by the end of the year. The suggestion was approved by consensus.

**Financial Secretary:** The attached financial report was presented and filed for record.

### **Renovada Report:**

**Elders Report:** Barb reported that the Elders have changed one meeting a month to a prayer-focused meeting in the Chapel. Designated elders will now go to the front of the sanctuary after each service to be available to participate in prayer with any person wanting to do so. Today's first instance was successful.

**Diaconate Report:** Pat Whitley reported that things have been going well. Larry was praised for his assistance to the deacons during the service. Also praised was Carole Green for stepping in when Larry was unavailable.

### **Team Reports:**

**Worship:** Larry reported that the Lenten and Holy Week activities went well. He is working on revising the bulletin boards to give access to Renovada, He is also working on moving the Joys and Concerns part of the service out of the middle of the service. The committee is meeting On April 16 after Bible Study.

**Christian Education:** Pat Whitley reported that she and Crystal were going to be gone during some Sunday's in May, so that others would have to cover Sunday School. Vacation Bible School material has been received, and she and Janet have done further planning. VBS will be June 24-29, 9:00 a.m. until noon.

**Evangelism:** Ruth reported that twelve community members were served at last month's community lunch.. Next lunch is May 7.

**Service:** No report.

**Stewardship:** No report.

**Facilities:** Larry reported that a replatting has been requested and hearing set to allow 12 single family dwellings. An attached notice of an April 25, 2:30 p.m. hearing was attached. Larry has been attempting to meet with lighting companies, a couple unsuccessfully; but a third, Mr. Electric, is proposing 8 LED chandeliers reachable by ladder, with the removal of the existing lights. A new lighting panel would be placed in the loft, and the pulpit controls would be repaired. A copy of the proposal, for \$31,657.00 is attached. Thee attachment also includes a separate proposal for Kirchner Hall Lighting. Sarah asked about receiving additional bids. Bob suggested that Larry show the bid to Jeff, a lighting architect, who owns the former parsonage. Don Joseph said that he would like to see other work by the company, but if

they look good and are satisfied, he would be happy to go forward without a bid. Larry reported additionally that we would be fixing the storage room.

**Membership:** Written report attached. Sara reported that we realized that the Region has received no report for two years, but we will be able to get a proper report made this year.

**Fellowship:** Barb reported that there will be a May 19, Pentecost Church Birthday celebration meal, to which we are requested to wear red.

**By-Laws Revision Committee:** Don Whitley announced that there had been no meeting since mid-February.

**Land Sale Committee:** The two lots across Bethlehem have been sold. The buyer of the western lot asked why we took the gate, but his realtor has told him he remembers that we said we would take the gate. We have another lot by the airport.

**Personnel Committee:** A job description and a proposed salary to use in seeking a new secretary have been prepared. Sara apologized for not advertising yet for the position.

**Pastoral Relations Committee:** The committee met, and Bob will be writing up the information for review by the committee.

**Senior Minister Report:** Pastor Don asked whether the Church would give assistance for his attendance at General Assembly. Dorene said that we had funds that could be used, and it was the consensus to fund the transportation, flight, housing, and registration.

He went on to report that Janet Duplechain's Sunday school class is doing well. He further reported that Michael Rasco has called saying that he understands that Don has wanted to change music, and he wants us to seek someone new, but that he will stay pending such replacement. He offered to help with a search, but Pastor Don has some people in mind. Pastor Don has a couple of bids or projection, but he is not ready to present them yet.

**Old Business:** None.

**New Business:** None.

**Concerns:** Anne Hudson will have hip surgery and unable to drive for 8 weeks. Patti Swink is continuing treatment and feeling pretty good. Janet Duplechain is undergoing tests. Rudy Green and family should continue in our prayers.

**Announcements:**

Bible Study every Tuesday at 6:15 p.m.

Due to Mother's day and other conflicts, the next General Board regular meeting will not be in June, with a special meeting being called if it is necessary to act on a matter during May.

May 5—CPA Assembly

July 13-17-General Assembly in Orlando.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m., with a closing prayer by Pastor Don.

Respectfully submitted:

**Don C. Whitley**  
**Recording Secretary**